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1. THERE ARE DAYS WHEN WE ARE FRANKLY ENVIOUS OF OUR
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COLLEAGUES AT NEARBY POSTS WHO APPARENTLY CAN FIELD A ROOM
FULL OF HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS FOR APPOINTMENTS ON ALMOST
NO NOTICE. NOT SO JIDDA WHERE ONE, BUT NOT THE ONLY, PROBLEM
IS TO LOCATE THE GOVERNMENT ON ANY GIVEN DAY. BUT WE
WILL DO OUR BEST.

2. FIRST, WE SECOND AMMAN'S SUGGESTION THAT COPIES OF

PRELIMINARY REGULATIONS BE FORWARDED ASAP.

3. SECOND, WE QUERIED FINANCE MINISTRY ABOUT WHETHER MINISTER ABA AL-KHAYL (PRESENTLY ON VACATION) AND DEPUTY MINISTER AL-TURKI (OUT OF THE COUNTRY) WOULD BE PRESENT DURING PERIOD OCTOBER 2-5. REPLY WAS THAT QUOTE THEY MIGHT LIKELY BE AVAILABLE RIYADH BUT COULD NOT BE CERTAIN END QUOTE. TO OUR MIND, VISIT OF DELEGATION WILL HAVE TO COINCIDE WITH AVAILABILITY OF FINANCE MINISTER AND HIS DEPUTY. SIMPLE REASON IS THAT WHOLE IDEA OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS WAS BROACHED DURING THEIR MEETINGS WITH NEA OFFICERS AND SECRETARY VANCE DURING TALKS HELD PARALLEL TO MEETING OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION IN EARLY MAY.

4. THIRD, LOOKING OVER POSSIBILITIES FOR GETTING DELEGATION AND KEY SAG OFFICIALS TOGETHER, WE INCLINE TOWARD DEFERRING VISIT UNTIL OCTOBER 15 AND FOLLOWING FOR REASON THAT ABA AL-KHAYL AND DR AL-TURKI HAVE ASSURED TREASURY THAT THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE ABOUT THAT TIME FOR PLANNED VISIT OF SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL. AT PRESENT READING, WE DO NOT BELIEVE GOVERNMENT WILL BE BACK IN RIYADH AS EARLY AS OCTOBER 2. THUSWE RECOMMEND CHANGE IN ITINERARY IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

5. FOURTH, WE RECOMMEND STOP AT DHAHRAN BUT YOUR PRO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSED ITINERARY DOES NOT OFFER MUCH HOPE SINCE YOUR IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL WILL EAT UP PRECIOUS TIME.
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